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Substitute House Bill No. 5447

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The Committee on Legislative Management reported through REP. AMANN, J. of the 118th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-22j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) Four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
6 two of whom are representatives of general or specialty psychiatric
7 hospitals; one of whom is an adult with a psychiatric disability; and
8 one of whom is an advocate for adults with psychiatric disabilities;

9 (2) Four appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, two
10 of whom are parents of children who have a behavioral health
11 disorder or have received child protection or juvenile justice services
12 from the Department of Children and Families; one of whom has

13 expertise in health policy and evaluation; and one of whom is an
14 advocate for children with behavioral health disorders;

15 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives; one of whom is a primary care provider serving
17 children pursuant to the HUSKY Plan; and one of whom is a child
18 psychiatrist serving children pursuant to the HUSKY Plan;

19 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; one of
20 whom is either an adult with a substance use disorder or an advocate
21 for adults with substance use disorders; and one of whom is a
22 representative of school-based health clinics;

23 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives; one of whom is a provider of community-based
25 behavioral health services for adults; and one of whom is a provider of
26 residential treatment for children;

27 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; one of
28 whom is a provider of community-based services for children with
29 behavioral health problems; and one of whom is a member of the
30 advisory council on Medicaid managed care;

31 (7) Four appointed by the Governor; two of whom are
32 representatives of general or specialty psychiatric hospitals and two of
33 whom are parents of children who have a behavioral health disorder
34 or have received child protection or juvenile justice services from the
35 Department of Children and Families;

36 [(1)] (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
37 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to human services, public health, appropriations and the
39 budgets of state agencies, or their designees;

40 [(2)] (9) A member of the Community Mental Health Strategy
41 Board, established pursuant to section 17a-485b, as selected by said
42 board;

43 [(3)] (10) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
44 Services, or said commissioner's designee;

45 [(4) Sixteen members appointed by the chairpersons of the advisory
46 council on Medicaid managed care, established pursuant to section
47 17b-28;

48 (A) Two of whom are representatives of general or specialty
49 psychiatric hospitals;

50 (B) One of whom is an adult with a psychiatric disability;

51 (C) One of whom is an advocate for adults with psychiatric
52 disabilities;

53 (D) Two of whom are parents of children who have a behavioral
54 health disorder or have received child protection or juvenile justice
55 services from the Department of Children and Families;

56 (E) One of whom has expertise in health policy and evaluation;

57 (F) One of whom is an advocate for children with behavioral health
58 disorders;

59 (G) One of whom is a primary care provider serving HUSKY
60 children;

61 (H) One of whom is a child psychiatrist serving HUSKY children;

62 (I) One of whom is either an adult with a substance use disorder or
63 an advocate for adults with substance use disorders;

64 (J) One of whom is a representative of school-based health clinics;

65 (K) One of whom is a provider of community-based behavioral
66 health services for adults;

67 (L) One of whom is a provider of residential treatment for children;

68 (M) One of whom is a provider of community-based services for

69 children with behavioral health problems; and

70 (N) One of whom is a member of the advisory council on Medicaid
71 managed care;]

72 [(5)] (11) Seven nonvoting ex-officio members, one each appointed
73 by the Commissioners of Social Services, Children and Families,
74 Mental Health and Addiction Services and Education to represent his
75 or her department and one appointed by the State Comptroller, the
76 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of
77 Health Care Access to represent said offices;

78 [(6)] (12) One or more consumers appointed by the chairpersons of
79 the council, to be nonvoting ex-officio members; and

80 [(7)] (13) One representative from the administrative services
81 organization and from each Medicaid managed care organization, to
82 be nonvoting ex-officio members.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	17a-22j(b)

LM *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill changes the appointing authority for the members of the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council. It has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5447*****AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill transfers authority to appoint the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council's voting members from the Medicaid Managed Care Council's chairpersons to legislative leaders and the governor. It adds four members to the council, raising its voting membership to 20. The following table shows the appointment distribution.

<i>Appointing Authority</i>	<i>Appointments</i>
House Speaker	2 representatives of general or psychiatric hospitals 1 adult with psychiatric disabilities 1 advocate for adults with psychiatric disabilities
Senate President Pro Tempore	2 parents of children with behavioral health disorders or who have received child protection or juvenile services from DCF 1 expert in health policy and evaluation 1 advocate for children with behavioral health disorders
Senate Majority Leader	1 adult with a substance abuse disorder or an advocate for adults with such disorders 1 representative of school-based health centers
Senate Minority	1 provider of community-based behavioral health

Leader	services for children 1 Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Council member
House Majority Leader	1 primary care provider serving children in the HUSKY program 1 child psychiatrist serving children in the HUSKY program
House Minority Leader	1 provider of community-based behavioral health services for adults 1 provider of residential treatment for children
Governor	2 representatives of general or psychiatric hospitals 2 parents of children with behavioral health disorders or who have received child protection or juvenile services from DCF

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

BACKGROUND

Behavioral Health Partnership (BHP) Oversight Council

The council reviews (1) the state's contract with the BHP's administrative services organization (ASO) to make sure its authorization of services is based on the BHP's clinical management criteria; (2) Medicaid and HUSKY behavioral health services to assure that federal revenue is being maximized; and (3) reports on program activities, finances, and outcomes. It reports annually to the governor and Human Services, Public Health, and Appropriations committees.

In addition to the members listed above, the Human Services, Public Health, and Appropriations committees' chairpersons and ranking members, or their designees; a member of the Community Health Strategy Board; and the Mental Health and Addiction Services commissioner, or his designee, are voting council members.

The council also includes nonvoting members representing various state agencies, consumers, the BHP's ASO, and each Medicaid managed care organization.

Legislative History

The House referred the bill (File 394) to the Legislative Management Committee, which reported a substitute adding the gubernatorial appointments.

Related Bill

HB 5910 (File 412) requires the council to review proposed regulations affecting the BHP and make recommendations to the Regulations Review Committee concerning their approval.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 27 Nay 1 (03/07/2008)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 4 (03/18/2008)

Joint Committee on Legislative Management

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 3 (04/14/2008)